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REF: (A) STATE 30242; (B) PARIS 1902

1. SUMMARY: QUAI OFFICIAL CONFIRMED FRANCE'S NEGATIVE POLICY ON CCD. NEVERTHELESS, USG MAY WISH TO EXPLORE WITH SENIOR FRENCH OFFICIALS WHAT MIGHT BE NEEDED TO GET FRENCH INTO CCD. GISCARD MAY WANT TO BRING "CHANGE WITHOUT RISK" TO THIS SUBJECT AS HE HAS ALREADY DONE IN OTHER ASPECTS OF FRENCH FOREIGN POLICY, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THIS SPECULATION. END SUMMARY.

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2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS IN REF A, PARA 4.,

WE INFORMED MISTRAL (QUAI ACTION OFFICER FOR DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS) OF CCD RESUMPTION MARCH 4. MISTRAL THANKED US FOR INFORMATION.

3. WE TOOK OCCASION TO PROBE MISTRAL'S THINKING ON CURRENT FRENCH ATTITUDE TOWARD CCD. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, HE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT ONE GOF OBJECTION TO FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN CCD HAD BEEN REMOVED: NOW THAT FRENCH HAVE ANNOUNCED PLANS TO CARRY OUT FUTURE NUCLEAR TESTS UNDERGROUND, GOF NEED NOT BE CONCERNED THAT IT WOULD BE MAJOR TARGET AT CCD FOR THOSE WHO OBJECT TO ATMOSPHERIC TESTING. ON OTHER HAND, MISTRAL ADDED, FRANCE CONTINUES TO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH CCD'S CO-CHAIRMEN SYSTEM AND WITH WHAT (IN FRENCH EYES) TENDS TO BE RELATIVELY STERILE AGENDA FOR CCD. HE COMMENTED THAT KEY ARMS CONTROL PROBLEMS REQUIRING PRIORITY ATTENTION ARE NOT TO BE FOUND ON CCD'S AGENDA.

4. MISTRAL CONFIRMED THAT GOF IS NOT IN PROCESS OF RE-EXAMINING ITS POLICY TOWARD PARTICIPATION IN CCD, NOR DOES HE SEE ANY EVIDENCE THAT IT IS LIKELY TO CHANGE ITS POLICY IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

5. COMMENT: MISTRAL'S STATEMENT IN PARA 4 ABOVE CONFIRMS NEGATIVE STANCE THAT GOF HAS TAKEN TOWARD CCD (E.G., SEE FONMIN SAUVAGNARGUES' COMMENT ON CCD IN REF B, PARA 5). WE FIND NO EVIDENCE THAT FRENCH INTEND TO CHANGE THEIR POLICY REGARDING CCD ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE. NEVERTHELESS, WE CANNOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT GISCARD MAY WANT TO BRING "CHANGE WITHOUT RISK" TO FRANCE'S CCD POLICY IN LONG RUN. WITH THIS IN MIND, USG MAY WISH TO DISCUSS WITH FRENCH ON APPROPRIATE OCCASION (E.G., BILATERAL MEETING BETWEEN SENIOR U.S. AND GOF OFFICIALS) WHAT MIGHT BE NEEDED TO MAKE CCD AN ATTRACTIVE FORUM FOR FRENCH PARTICIPATION. WHILE WE DO NOT PREDICT EARLY CHANGE IN FRENCH NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD ITS PARTICIPATION IN CCD (EVEN IF GISCARD WANTS CHANGE), SERIOUS U.S. PRODDING OF GISCARD'S GOVERNMENT MIGHT UNCOVER ANY FLEXIBILITY IN THEIR NEGATIVE POLICY.
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